



July 27, 2020

Dear EPA Administrator Wheeler,
Dear EPA Assistant Administrator Dunn,

We are writing you to encourage you to publish your New Registration Decisions regarding Engenia, FeXapan®, and XtendiMax® by August 31, 2020. We understand that you may be thinking of waiting until late October and that would be too late for our industry.

Farmers are now planning and making their decisions for which soybean trait and herbicide trait platforms they intend to use in the 2021 growing season and they are placing their seed orders accordingly.

As an example, here at Becks, we just returned from our initial Sales meetings in Iowa last week and by the end of all of our Field Shows August 31, 2020, 90% of our farmers will have made their decisions and placed their seed orders for 2021.


If farmers do not know what herbicides they can use in 2021, it creates a hardship for them and the entire herbicide supply chain which will also be waiting to produce the right chemistry for the 2021 season.


Secondly, because the Enlist DUO label was approved by the 9th district court while Dicamba was vacated, this creates an unnatural behavior situation in the marketplace. Weed control in the Midwest continues to be increasingly difficult due to weed resistant issues. We need to have several modes of action to help prevent development of these weed resistant issues. We need both Enlist Duo and the Dicamba technology.

Thirdly, we are concerned that the economic cost of the Endangered Species Act and its associated limits to new herbicide labels like Alite27 is far exceeding the benefit to the environment and society. We will be communicating with our legislators about the onerous nature of this act.

In summary, we request that you provide American farmers with all the herbicide tools they need to be successful in supplying reasonably priced food for the American people. Without the Dicamba based herbicide tools, many farmers' crops will be seriously injured because of poor weed control. Please rule favorably and quickly on the Dicamba Registrations.

Sincerely,


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